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Examiner Nguyen

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For : ACTIVATION OF MULTIPLE xDSL MODEMS WITH IMPLICIT
CHANNEL PROBE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT, WITH TRAVERSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

ELECTION

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement of December 7, 2001, Applicants elect, with traverse, the invention identified by the Examiner as invention I, drawn to an apparatus and method for establishing a communication link by selecting an appropriate mode and executing the initialization procedure, in which claims 1-10 and 31-38 define invention I. More specifically, Applicant elects to prosecute the species identified by the Examiner as Species I, drawn to a selecting device including claims 1-10.

REMARKS AND TRAVERSE

Initially, Applicant notes that the Examiner graciously set forth a three month shortened statutory period for responding to the December 7, 2001 restriction requirement. However, Applicant herewith responds to the restriction requirement within the more customarily provided one month period.